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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S VIEWS ON LEBANESE PARTICIPATION
GENEVA CONFERENCE

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1. TAQLA, DURING PRIVATE CONVERSATION, VOLUNTEERED FOLLOWING
AS GOL'S POSITION RE ATTENDING GENEVA CONFERENCE.

2. ALL DEPENDS ON AGENDA AND SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED, I.E.
IF GENEVA CONFERENCE IS TO DETERMINE ISRAELI FRONTIERS, LEBANON
WILL NOT REPEAT NOT ATTEND IN THAT THERE IS NO QUESTION OF ANY
MODIFICATION OF GOI-GOL BORDERS. IF, ON THE OTHER HAND, AGENDA
IS TO ATTACK AT THE OUTSET THE QUESTION OF THE PLO, GOL, WHICH
BEARS PRINCIPAL BRUNT OF PLO, WOULD EXPECT TO BE INVITED AND IF
NOT, WOULD SEEK SUCH AN INVITATION.

3. RE PRESS INDICATION CONTAINED REFTEL THAT GOL MIGHT MAKE
ITS POSITION PUBLIC SOON, I BELIEVE THIS MOST DOUBTFUL. WHILE
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TAQLA VOLUNTEERED FOREGOING, HE INDICATED THAT IT WAS CONFIDENTIAL

AND THERE WERE SO MANY SENSITIVE VARIABLES STILL ASSOCIATED
WITH GENEVA THAT ANY INDICATION OF GOL'S POSITION AT THIS TIME
COULD WELL BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, NOT ONLY FOR CONFERENCE BUT
MORE PARTICULARLY GOL. WHILE TAQLA DID NOT SAY SO, I AM ALSO
CONVINCED THAT THE LAST THING HE WISHES TODAY IS TO INJECT THE
QUESTION OF THE GENEVA ATTENDANCE IN THE ALREADY SUFFICIENTLY
COMPLICATED LOCAL POLITICAL SCENE.
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